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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Highest Priority Requirements for TALENT
Coverage.

REFERENCE: Draft Ad Hoc Requirements Committee Paper
on Same Subject - SC-00633/59 - 3 February 1959.

A sharp division of views with respect to the relative priority of targets for highest priority TALENT coverage has developed within Ad Hoc Requirements Committee. The various representatives are agreed that determination of the status of Soviet deployment of its ICBM weapons system is the most critical national intelligence requirement today. They do not agree on how to employ TALENT capabilities to satisfy this requirement.

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The attached paper is a re-statement of the requirement for TALENT coverage. It notes our sole reliance on unique TALENT capabilities and includes our best guidance as to where to search.

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